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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the recent passing of Earl Williams; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Williams was born in Chicago on January 25,  
5 1947, to the union of Clarence Earl Williams and Betty Jane  
6 Norment Williams; he was the third of five children born to  
7 this marriage; he was a conscientious, highly intelligent, and  
8 extremely active child, who found the Lord at an early age and  
9 attended Grant Memorial AME with his sisters and younger  
10 brother; and

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WHEREAS, He served and protected his country well as a  
12 member of the Officers Training Corp of the United States Army,  
13 executing and translating cryptic codes in Vietnam; during this  
14 time he married Aletha Elizabeth Marbles and together they had  
15 three children; upon completing his Army tour, he received his  
16 law degree from DePaul University, and became a member of the  
17 Illinois State Bar, going into private practice with his  
18 friend, Attorney Ed Zigman; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Williams left private practice to join the  
20 Illinois States Attorney's office and then the Illinois  
21 Department of Revenue, from which he retired after twenty-five  
22 years of service; he was active as a union arbitrator for the

1 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
2 (AFSCME); upon his retirement, Earl Williams joined his  
3 sister's firm, Carol H. Williams Advertising, as the General  
4 Counsel; and

5 WHEREAS, In October, 2006, Earl Williams recommitted his  
6 life to the Lord, and was baptized and received the right hand  
7 of fellowship at Apostolic Church of God; Earl Williams further  
8 continued his commitment to God and mankind by becoming part  
9 owner and administrator of Garden Plaza Convalescent Home in  
10 Los Angeles, and also by establishing Liberty Child Care Center  
11 in Chicago, which services children with HIV/AIDS; and

12 WHEREAS, Earl Williams leaves behind to mourn him his sons,  
13 Earl Williams and Eric Williams; his daughter, Tesha Muhhamad;  
14 his three sisters, Betty Jane Thompson, Carol Henny Williams  
15 Hood, and Gracie Antoinette Turner; his brother, Clarence  
16 Williams, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,  
17 grandchildren, aunts, uncles, extended family, and many great  
18 friends; his memory will be greatly cherished by Mrs. Aletha  
19 Elizabeth Williams; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
22 his family and friends, the passing of Earl Williams; and be it  
23 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Earl Williams as a symbol of our  
3 sincere sympathy.